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United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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Mr. Sam Evans
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Dear Mr. Evans:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated August 14, 2018 and subsequent conference call on August 23, 2018. The purpose of the call was to clarify the records being sought and discuss the need to prioritize document release.

Specifically, you requested the following:

1. All records relating to any change, by instruction, guidance, memoranda, or otherwise, to policy, practice, or procedure governing the decision(s) to list, decline to list, de-list, or down-list any species or category of species or to defer or accelerate any such decision;
2. All records relating to any change in the standards, criteria, or review process applicable to decision(s) to list, decline to list, de-list, or down-list any species or category of species, or to defer or accelerate any such decision;
3. All records relating to any existing or proposed quotas, targets, goals, requirements, expectations, or aspirations for listing, declining to list, de-listing, or down-listing species, whether quantitative or qualitative in nature;
4. All records relating to the selection of the 35 species identified in 83 Fed. Reg. 20092 or the 42 species identified in 83 Fed. Reg. 38320 for status reviews;
5. All requests or instructions that staff identify listed species that could potentially be de-listed or down-listed or candidate species for which listing could potentially be declined, and any records created in response to such requests or instruction;
6. Any and all listing petitions, de-listing petitions, status reviews, or other documents initiating a proposal to list, de-list, or down-list any species, that were forwarded to or reviewed by any of the following person(s), along with any associated responses, instructions, or annotations from the person(s) to whom they were forwarded or by whom they were reviewed:
 - a. Any person other than an employee of the Service in Region 4 or one of its field offices;
 - b. Any person who is an employee of the Service in Region 4 or one of its field offices and:
 - i. Has, at any time since January 20, 2017, been a political appointee (including without limitation any government employee that was appointed by the

President, any government employee that was appointed by the Secretary or Administrator of a federal agency, any government employee that has held a Schedule C position, or any employee who has worked in the Executive Office of the President);

- ii. Has, at any time since January 20, 2017, held a position listed in any version of the document "United States Government Policy and Supporting Positions," otherwise known as the "Plum Book," whether or not the person's actual name appears in a version of the Plum Book;
- iii. Whose hiring was coordinated with the Presidential Personnel Office; or
- iv. Who, as a part of their job responsibilities with the Service, communicates with elected officials or their offices?

As a result of our telephone discussion on August 23, 2018, it is our understanding that records production/release take place as follows:

Provide the responsive work plans (Listings, Species Status Assessments, 5-year reviews, Agency Priority Goals) developed by the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service.

Include all work plans produced prior to January 20, 2017.

Include records pertaining to Congressional language directing the Service to make these changes.

Include all responsive records from those individuals noted in 6(b) of your original FOIA request dated August 14, 2018.

Include guidance documents from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters since January 20, 2017 related to listing and delisting.

Provide records as identified in number 4 of your original FOIA request.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Larry Lee, Government Information Specialist (FOIA/Records) by phone at (404) 679-4109 or email at Larry_Lee@fws.gov. Thank you for contacting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Sincerely Yours,



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